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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

The Honorable Jocelyn Boyd
Chief Clerk/Administrator
Public Service Commission of South Carolina
101 Executive Center Drive
Columbia, South Carolina 29211

RE: Joint Petition to Transfer a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Convenience and Necessity from Columbia Energy LLC to South Carolina Electric & Gas Company
Docket No. 2018-____-E

Dear Ms. Boyd:

Enclosed for filing, on behalf of South Carolina Electric & Gas Company and Columbia Energy LLC, is a Joint Petition to Transfer a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Convenience and Necessity from Columbia Energy LLC to South Carolina Electric & Gas Company.

By copy of this letter, we are serving the South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff with a copy of the enclosed Joint Petition and attach a certificate of service to that effect.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Very truly yours,

K. Chad Burgess

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Enclosures

cc: Dawn Hipp
Jeffrey M. Nelson, Esquire
(both via electronic mail and U.S. First Class Mail w/enclosures)

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 2018-__-E

IN RE:

Joint Petition to Transfer a Certificate of
Environmental Compatibility and Public
Convenience and Necessity from
Columbia Energy LLC to South Carolina
Electric & Gas Company

**JOINT PETITION OF SOUTH
CAROLINA ELECTRIC & GAS
COMPANY AND COLUMBIA
ENERGY LLC**

Pursuant to 10 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-304 and 103-825 (2012) and S.C. Code Ann. § 58-33-110(2) (2015), South Carolina Electric & Gas Company ("SCE&G") and Columbia Energy, LLC ("Columbia Energy") (together the "Applicants") hereby petition the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the "Commission") for an order approving the transfer of a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Convenience and Necessity from Columbia Energy LLC to SCE&G. In support of this Joint Petition, the Applicants would respectfully show to the Commission the following:

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

1. SCE&G is a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of South Carolina. Further, SCE&G is, in part, an electrical utility engaged in the generation, transmission, distribution, and sale of electricity to the public for compensation. SCE&G's retail electric operations are subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 27 of Title 58 of the South Carolina Code of Laws.

2. SCE&G operates an integrated electric utility system that serves approximately 717,000 customers in 24 counties covering nearly 16,000 square miles in central, southern and southwestern portions of South Carolina. SCE&G's service territory includes the metropolitan areas of Charleston, Columbia, Beaufort, and Aiken and many other smaller cities and towns, and rural areas in South Carolina.

3. Corporate legal counsel for SCE&G in this proceeding are as follows:

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All correspondence and any other matters relative to this proceeding should be addressed to these representatives.

4. Columbia Energy is a limited liability company organized under the laws of the State of Delaware.

5. Legal counsel for Columbia Energy in this proceeding is as follows:

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6. Columbia Energy owns or otherwise has rights to use an approximately 540 MW rated combined cycle gas-fired generation facility and equipment located near Gaston, South Carolina (the "Facility").

7. The Facility currently operates pursuant to a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Convenience and Necessity granted by the Commission in Order No. 2001-108, issued February 6, 2001, in Docket No. 2000-487-E.

8. On December 20, 2017, SCE&G and Columbia Energy, after arms-length negotiation, entered into an Asset Purchase Agreement whereby Columbia Energy agreed to sell, and SCE&G agreed to purchase, the assets and properties comprising the Facility.

REQUEST FOR RELIEF

9. The Applicants respectfully request the Commission find that this transfer is in the interest of customers and the public and approve it for the reasons set forth below.

10. SCE&G is an experienced utility operator that is fully capable of operating the Facility.

11. SCE&G currently purchases the electrical power that the Facility generates from Columbia Energy to support SCE&G's service to its customers.

12. Through the purchase of the Facility, SCE&G will ensure that the Facility's generating capacity remains available to SCE&G's customers long-term to further SCE&G's ability to provide them with reliable and efficient electric service.

13. SCE&G will continue to provide thermal energy to the manufacturing facility served by the Facility under contractual terms that have been negotiated in an arms-length transaction as the Commission recognized in Order No. 2001-108.

14. Section 58-33-110(2) provides that, subject to the approval of the Commission, a Certificate to construct a major utility facility may be transferred to a person who agrees to comply with the terms, conditions, and modifications contained therein.

15. As required by S.C. Code Ann. § 58-33-110(2), SCE&G hereby agrees that it is and will continue to be bound by all of the terms and conditions set forth in Order No. 2001-108 dated February 6, 2001, entered in Docket No. 2000-487-E, wherein the Commission granted the Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity for the Facility.

16. SCE&G further agrees that it is and will continue to be bound by any and all lawful orders issued by this Commission in connection with the operation of the Facility.

17. SCE&G has given notice of this petition to the South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff.

CONCLUSION

WHEREFORE, the Applicants respectfully requests the Commission take the following action:

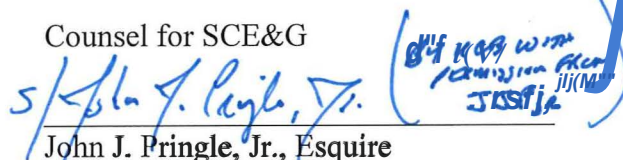
- A. Approve, pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Reg. 58-33-110(2), the transfer of the Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Convenience and Necessity from Columbia Energy to SCE&G; and**
- B. Grant such other and further relief as this Commission deems just and proper.**

Respectfully submitted,



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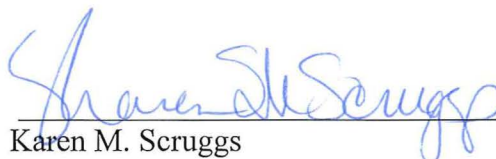
Petition of South Carolina Electric & Gas Company)
for Transfer of a Certificate of Environmental)
Compatibility and Public Convenience and)
Necessity from Columbia Energy LLC)
_____)

**CERTIFICATE OF
SERVICE**

This is to certify that I have caused to be served this day one (1) copy of the **Joint Petition to Transfer a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Convenience and Necessity from Columbia Energy LLC to South Carolina Electric & Gas Company** via electronic mail and U.S. First Class Mail to the persons named below at the addresses set forth:

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This 16th day of January 2018